

2004 Pollution Prevention Award Recipients

The 2004 Pollution Prevention Awards were presented during the annual Kansas Environment Conference held August 31 - September 2 at the Doubletree Hotel in Overland Park. The awards were presented at the conference luncheon on September 1.

The following projects were selected to receive awards this year:

Fort Riley received an award in the New Initiatives category for implementing a Lithium Sulfur Dioxide (LiSO_2) battery management program. LiSO_2 batteries are commonly used to power military communications systems and other portable electronics. Due to the environmental risks associated with LiSO_2 batteries, the State of Kansas requires the batteries be disposed of as universal waste when they have an electrical charge; however, discharged LiSO_2 batteries are less reactive and can be disposed of as non-hazardous solid waste. Fort Riley's innovative program of reusing the batteries and safely discharging batteries that cannot be reused has saved Fort Riley more than \$114,600 since its inception in October 1999.



Richard Clement, Ft. Riley; Secretary Roderick Bremby, KDHE; Ed Cobb, Ft. Riley

UBF Foodsolutions in Wichita received an award in the New Initiatives category for implementing an Environmental Management System (EMS). UBF Foodsolutions is a premier blending company that enjoys the business of some of the world's largest fast food and casual dining restaurant chains. UBF has facilities located across the U.S. with the capability of



John Parker, UBF Foodsolutions; Secretary Roderick Bremby, KDHE; Russ Haswell, UBF Foodsolutions

producing wet products such as sauces and dressings as well as being able to produce dry blends. Some of UBF's accomplishments since implementing the EMS include recycling of polypropylene super sacks, installation of energy efficient lighting, elimination of chlorinated solvents, decreased hazardous waste emission through inventory control, implementation of a mercury elimination program, integrated pest management, and general recycling. The facility now enjoys upwards of \$80,000 in annual savings from these new practices!